

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 2, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 309, HB 419  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 419**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:03 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 419, Revise fuel taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:51 Rep. Hilbert  
00:05:29 Leanne Heisel  
00:05:40 Rep. Koopman  
00:06:09 Rep. Nooney  
00:06:29 Rep. Koopman  
00:06:55 Rep. Kottel  
00:07:18 Rep. Koopman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:31 Rep. Koopman

**HEARING ON HB 309**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:02 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 309, Revise bio diesel and ethanol laws.

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:16 Kimball Leighton Yellowstone bio diesel  
00:21:47 Paul Miller, Sustainable Systems, LLC  
[EXHIBIT\(trh23a04\)](#)  
00:26:40 Helen Waller, Northern Plains Resource Council  
[EXHIBIT\(trh23a05\)](#)  
00:29:21 Clare Witcomb, Carbon County Resource Council  
00:30:51 Fran Marceau, UTU  
00:32:06 Barbara Ranf, Burlington Northern Santa Fa Railroad  
(BNSF)

00:34:13 David Kallenbach  
00:37:30 Wade Sikorski  
00:38:35 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center  
00:39:46 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

**EXHIBIT(trh23a06)**

00:43:59 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:45:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
00:53:17 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

**EXHIBIT(trh23a07)**

**EXHIBIT(trh23a08)**

01:01:22 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

**EXHIBIT(trh23a09)**

01:06:34 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association  
01:09:33 Ronna Alexander, Montana Convenient Stores Retailers  
01:16:09 Mike Halligan, Washington Corporations

**Informational Testimony:**

01:18:23 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry  
01:18:43 Brian Spangler, Department of Environmental Quality

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:29 Rep. Wiseman  
01:19:50 Mr. Kane, Department of Labor and Industry  
01:21:01 Rep. Hilbert  
01:21:47 Rep. Bergren  
01:23:51 Rep. Nooney  
01:24:31 Rep. Bergren  
01:27:03 Mr. Kane  
01:28:07 Rep. Nooney  
01:28:14 Mr. Kane  
01:29:43 Rep. Bergren  
01:30:11 Rep. Nooney  
01:30:36 Rep. Bergren  
01:31:06 Mr. Kane  
01:32:09 Rep. Kottel  
01:32:38 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association  
01:34:33 Rep. Wilson  
01:35:06 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association  
01:37:12 Rep. Furey  
01:37:44 Mr. Miller, Sustained Systems, LLC  
01:43:14 Rep. Hilbert  
01:43:53 Rep. Bergren  
01:45:36 Rep. Nooney  
01:46:43 Rep. Bergren

01:47:58 Rep. Sonju  
01:48:13 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
01:48:38 Rep. Wiseman  
01:49:13 Rep. Bergren  
01:50:17 Rep. Malcolm  
01:50:47 Rep. Bergren  
01:51:14 Mr. Kane  
01:51:20 Rep. Malcolm  
01:53:42 Rep. Bergren  
01:55:28 Rep. Furey  
01:56:23 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
01:57:01 Rep. Sonju  
01:57:20 Ronna Alexander, Montana Convenient Store Retailers  
02:00:39 Mr. Kane  
02:01:09 Rep. Sonju

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:02:28 Rep. Bergren  
**EXHIBIT**(trh23a10)

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:05:00 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh23aad.pdf](#))**